REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 41 have been amended to identify sequences listed therein with specific sequence identification numbers and/or to place the claims in a better format for examination on the merits.

The present amendment replaces the original Figure 10 drawing sheet with the attached replacement drawing sheet to correct typographical errors.

The specification has been amended to identify sequences listed therein with specific sequence identification numbers.

Support for the amendments to the claims, drawings and specification is provided by the originally filed claims and specification.

The specification has also been amended to replace the originally filed Sequence Listing with the attached Substitute Sequence Listing. In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, Applicants append herewith a printed (pdf.file) copy of a written Substitute Sequence Listing along with a corresponding electronic (txt.file) copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing recorded in computer readable form. Applicants submit that the content of the electronic copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing is identical to the printed copy of the written Substitute Sequence Listing. Applicants further submit that the sequence shown in the electronically filed Substitute Sequence Listing is identical to the sequence contained in this application as originally filed. Support for the sequence listed in the printed, and corresponding electronic, Substitute Sequence Listing is found within the present application as originally filed.

It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments to the claims, drawings, specification and the submission of the attached Substitute Sequence Listing.

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Preliminary Amendment & Response to Notification of Missing Requirements

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Therefore, withdrawal of the Notification of Missing Requirements is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.497 (a) and (b), a declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 371 (c)(4), which identifies the International application number (PCT/FR2005/000656) and the International filing date (March 17, 2005), was in fact previously submitted on January 9, 2007, as evidenced by the enclosed image file wrapper obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. An additional copy of the declaration, along with a copy of the electronic filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof, are appended herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits, and early examination of claims 1-45 is earnestly solicited.

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